

SOLE DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name:

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Consignment Nodes the specification of which

(X) is attached hereto.

() was filed on _____
as Application Serial Number _____ and was
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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

Prior Foreign Application(s)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Date of Issue (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119
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Prior United States Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Status - Patented, Pending, Abandoned
08/427,820	26 April 1995	Pending
08/554,704	7 November 1995	Pending

And I hereby appoint, both jointly and severally, as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith the following attorneys, their registration numbers being listed after their names:

Thomas G. Woolston, Registration No. 40,235.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Thomas G. Woolston) Group Art Unit: 2763
Application No.: 09/253,057) Examiner: Demetra Smith
Filed: February 19, 1999)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
FACILITATING ELECTRONIC)
COMMERCE THROUGH TWO-TIERED)
ELECTRONIC MARKETS AND)
AUCTIONS)

REVOCATION AND NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY
BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As the Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application, all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked, and R. Danny Huntington, Reg. No. 27,903; Richard J. McGrath, Reg. No. 29,195; John C. Phillips, Reg. No. 35,322; Thomas G. Woolston, Reg. No. 40,235; and Rene D. Tegtmeier, Reg. No. 33,567 are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected with the above-identified application. The Assignee has reviewed documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the Assignee recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 8864, Frame 0801, and certifies that to the best of its knowledge and belief it is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application.

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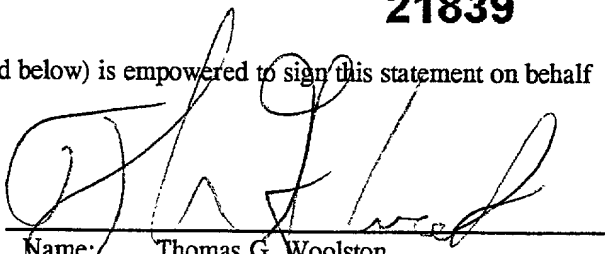
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